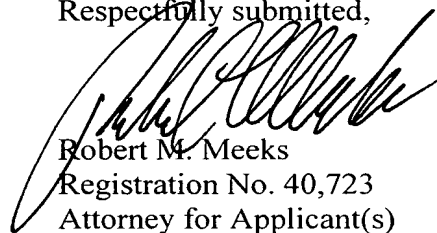


REMARKS

This Response to Restriction Requirement is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2005 (hereinafter "Office Action"). Restriction is requested between one of two groups. As alleged in the Office Action, Group I (Claims 1-17 and 28-39) is "drawn to a semiconductor device," while Group II (Claims 18-27) is "drawn to Method of manufacturing a semiconductor device." Office Action, p. 2. Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-17 without traverse. Claims 18-39 have been canceled without prejudice towards pursuing these claims in a divisional application.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for substantive examination of Claims 1-17, which action is respectfully requested. Any questions that the Examiner may have regarding this correspondence can be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

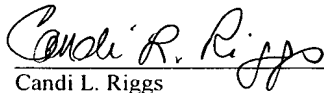


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